REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended as set forth above. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that the claims clearly distinguish the cited reference.

I.   Examiner Interview Dated October 10, 2007

An examiner interview was held on October 10, 2007. An agreement as to the allowability of the claims was not reached. The reference and the current claim changes were discussed. Applicants believe that the interview shed light on the distinguishing features of the claims and Examiner Nguyen indicated that she would follow up with another interview if the claims need to be further amended for allowability.

II.   Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 1-13, 17-25, 29-35, 37, and 39-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,944,821 issued to Bates et al. (hereinafter "Bates"). In light of the amendments herein, applicants respectfully disagree. Independent claim 1 includes the following features not taught or otherwise suggested by Bates:

> setting, on a second computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics *indicates an amount of data that identifies when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted* to the second computer application;
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> copying the data from a first computer application to a memory;
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> copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory;
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> pasting the data from the memory to the second computer application;
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> by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the *amount of data* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;
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> automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the *amount of data* of the

copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

omitting the reference information when the ***amount of data*** of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second computer application.

As one example from the specification of the application, the specification recites as follows:

"It is noted that in some embodiment of the invention, the copy/paste module 222 may paste data reference information with the data depending on the characteristics of the data, such as the size, amount, or type of data that is pasted. This function of the copy/past module 22 may be affected by user settings and/or predetermined configurations." *See Specification*, at pg. 17, lines 2-6.

As another example from the specification of the application, the specification recites as follows:

In some embodiments of the invention, the copy/past module 22 may implement determination step 402 by surveying the data reference information prior to pasting it to the destination application 138... Following the determination step 402, if the copy/past module 222 determines that preferred data reference information is available, the exemplary sub-process can proceed along the "Yes" branch to step 404... However, if the copy/paste module 22 does not determine that there is preferred data reference information available, the sub-process 308 can proceed along the "No" branch to step 406. In step 406, the copy/paste module pastes the copied data to the destination application 138 without data reference information. *See Specification* at pg. 17, line 22 - pg. 18, line 16.

Applicants assert that Bates does not teach the above features of claim 1. Bates teaches information gathered ***from a source document***. As depicted in FIGURES 5 and 6 of Bates, Bates teaches a selection window for selecting items to be included in the source information. However, there is no teaching in Bates of identifying an amount of data that indicates when reference information is pasted or not. Bates teaches what information to include. Bates does

not teach *an amount of data that indicates* when the reference information should be included. For example, a user could set the copy data characteristics to indicate that only copied data of a certain length should include reference data. When data is copied, the length of the data is analyzed to determine if it is sufficient to include reference data. Bates does not teach or suggest such a scenario. More particularly, Bates does not teach or suggest "by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the *amount of data* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application." Also Bates does not teach or suggest "automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the *amount of data* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application" and "omitting the reference information when the *amount of data* of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application."

Moreover, Bates teaches information gathered *from a source document*. Applicants can only find teaching in Bates related to information *from the source document*. This makes sense in that Bates is only concerned with citing the information. Independent claim 1 makes the distinction between "reference information" and "pasting reference information." Claim 1 identifies that the "pasting reference information is obtained from the *second computer application*" (e.g. the computer application that the data is being pasted into). Bates does not teach or suggest these features in that Bates is only concerned with obtain information from the source document (e.g. the document that data is being copied from). Accordingly, applicants assert that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 18 includes the following features not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited reference:

a processing unit;

a memory in communication with the processing unit;

a computer application in communication with the processing unit and the memory that provides instructions to the processing unit, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, operates for:

setting, on the computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics *indicates an amount of data that identifies* when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to a second document;

copying the data from a first document to the memory;

copying reference information from the first document and related to the data to the memory;

pasting the data from the memory to the second document;

by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the computer application, determining when the *amount of data* of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second document when the *amount of data* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

omitting the reference information when the *amount of data* of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second document; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second document.

Applicants assert that Bates does not teach the above features of claim 18. Bates teaches information gathered *from a source document*. As depicted in FIGURES 5 and 6 of Bates, Bates teaches a selection window for selecting items to be included in the source information. However, there is no teaching in Bates of identifying an amount of data that indicates when reference information is pasted or not. Bates teaches what information to include. Bates does not teach *an amount of data that indicates* when the reference information should be included.

For example, a user could set the copy data characteristics to indicate that only copied data of a certain length should include reference data. When data is copied, the length of the data is analyzed to determine if it is sufficient to include reference data. Bates does not teach or suggest such a scenario. More particularly, Bates does not teach or suggest "by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the computer application, determining when the *amount of data* of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document." Also Bates does not teach or suggest "automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second document when the *amount of data* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document" and " omitting the reference information when the *amount of data* of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document."

Moreover, Bates teaches information gathered *from a source document*. Applicants can only find teaching in Bates related to information *from the source document*. This makes sense in that Bates is only concerned with citing the information. Independent claim 18 makes the distinction between "reference information" and "pasting reference information." Claim 18 identifies that the "pasting reference information is obtained from the *second computer application*" (e.g. the computer application that the data is being pasted into). Bates does not teach or suggest these features in that Bates is only concerned with obtain information from the source document (e.g. the document that data is being copied from). Accordingly, applicants assert that independent claim 18 is in condition for allowance.Accordingly, applicants assert that independent claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 29 includes the following element not taught or otherwise suggested by Bates:

> setting, on a second computer application, copy data *amount* characteristics of data, wherein the copy data *amount* characteristics indicate *an amount* of data that identifies when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;
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> copying the data from a first computer application to a memory;

copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory;

pasting the data from the memory to the second computer application;

by accessing the copy data *amount* characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the *amount* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the *amount* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

omitting the reference information when the *amount* of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application, *wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the identity of the user who copied the data, the date the data was pasted, and the time the data was pasted*; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second computer application.

Applicants assert that Bates does not teach the above features of claim 18. Bates teaches information gathered *from a source document*. As depicted in FIGURES 5 and 6 of Bates, Bates teaches a selection window for selecting items to be included in the source information. However, there is no teaching in Bates of identifying an amount of data that indicates when reference information is pasted or not. Bates teaches what information to include. Bates does not teach *an amount of data that indicates* when the reference information should be included. For example, a user could set the copy data characteristics to indicate that only copied data of a certain length should include reference data. When data is copied, the length of the data is analyzed to determine if it is sufficient to include reference data. Bates does not teach or suggest such a scenario. More particularly, Bates does not teach or suggest "by accessing the copy data *amount* characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the

amount of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application." Also Bates does not teach or suggest "automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the *amount* of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application" and " omitting the reference information when the *amount* of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application."

Moreover, Bates teaches information gathered *from a source document*. Applicants can only find teaching in Bates related to information *from the source document*. This makes sense in that Bates is only concerned with citing the information. Independent claim 29 makes the distinction between "reference information" and "pasting reference information." Claim 29 identifies that the "pasting reference information is obtained from the *second computer application, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the identity of the user who copied the data, the date the data was pasted, and the time the data was pasted*" (e.g. the computer application that the data is being pasted into). Bates does not teach or suggest these features in that Bates is only concerned with obtain information from the source document (e.g. the document that data is being copied from). Accordingly, applicants assert that independent claim 29 is in condition for allowance.

With regard to the dependent claims, applicants assert that those claims have been amended to include subject matter not taught or otherwise suggested by Bates. Moreover, those claims ultimately dependent from the independent claims. As such, applications believe that they should be found allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above.
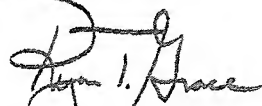
III.   Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application,

the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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